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¶1. This message is sensitive but unclassified.

¶2. EconCouns and EconOff met with the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Trade's (Joan Clos) Chief of Staff, Marc Murtra, and Industry Advisor Bruno Fernandez Scrimieri, on 10/4/07. EconOff queried Murtra on the Ministry's thinking on the Rosalini case. Murtra said that Rosalini should consider the Barcelona Forum's offer to settle because although the offer did not come close to the damages awarded by the court in Cook County, Illinois, it was far more generous than awarded in similar cases in Spain. The Chief of Staff added that Rosalini should consider the fact that Clos might not be a minister after the next general elections in Spain, which must be held by March 2008 at the latest. Murtra suggested that Clos was the Spanish politician with the greatest interest in settling the case, and that other future ministers would likely have much less interest in settling.

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